

NEW BRACKETT CHURCH - WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Sunday, January 17th, 2:00pm

Attendees:

Jeannie Ashmore, Committee Chair

Rev Will Green, Pastor

Stephanie Eliot, Scribe

Joy Mills

Jan Thomas, Music Director

Karin Elofson, Board Chair

1) Call to Order – Jeannie

2) Opening Prayer – Rev Will

3) Review of Roles and Responsibilities

- a) Jeannie reviewed the responsibilities of the Worship Committee.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) None; first meeting of new committee.

5) New Business

- a) Identify Worship-related values of New Brackett Church
 - i) Nurturing interpersonal relationships
 - ii) Creating and supporting spiritual development
 - iii) Action item: team members to bring their ideas of values to next Worship Committee meeting for further discussion
- b) Create a Welcoming Team or process
 - i) Kathy Gritman would be an excellent member as she already does wonderful service with the cards.
- c) Review of Sunday Morning Fire Circle – how could it be enhanced?
 - i) Joy: We value people’s stories and perspectives; reflecting with others is revealing.
 - ii) Jan: Circle is an accidental gift; returning to services in the sanctuary must be done safely.
 - iii) Labyrinth is lovely, but must be monitored and removed before it is a fire hazard.
 - iv) Sharing is a challenge when there is wind. There was a proposal to get a battery-powered microphone to pass around. Could this be done safely given COVID concerns?

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- v) It would be nice if new attendees introduce themselves or are introduced by a current member.
- vi) Some people do not like to share in a group setting and there was discussion on how we could build involvement in other ways.
 - (1) Jeannie suggested that folks could write prayers on pieces of paper and put them in the fire to send them to God.
 - (2) Karin suggested something similar with small sticks, blowing the prayers into the sticks before they are put into the fire.
- vii) There was a request to hold a fire ceremony on the eve of the Inauguration but the general consensus was to be cautious around matters that suggest political bias.

6) Adjournment

- a) Meeting ended at 2:40pm.

7) Next Meeting

- a) Sunday, February 21st at 2pm.

Stephanie Eliot and Karin Elofson, 31 Jan 2021